

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-18 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph for indefiniteness. It is believed that the foregoing amendments to independent claims 1, 17, and 18 overcome this rejection.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-18 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) for anticipation by United States Patent Publication No. 2002/0143655 to Elston et al. (hereinafter "the Elston document"). In response to this rejection, independent claims 1, 17, and 18 have been amended as set forth above. Claim 2 has been cancelled. After these amendments, claim 1 and 4-18 are pending this application. Reconsideration of these rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is requested.

As amended herein, claim 1 recites a system for displaying order confirmation information in connection with an audibly placed order that includes:

an order confirmation information service for transforming order confirmation information generated by the point-of-sale information service in a format native to the point-of-sale information service into a browser readable, tagged data format, wherein the browser readable order confirmation information is comprised of order confirmation information that can be rendered by a browser(.)

In rejecting independent claims 1, 7, and 18 from the teachings of the Elston document, the Examiner specifically refers to the Elston document paragraphs [0028], [0037], [0286], [0322], and [0323]-[0331]. The Examiner also refers to the Abstract of the Elston document.

Paragraph [0286] of the Elston document reads as follows:

According to the invention, with an integrated POS system the order process is triggered by the arrival of order and payment authorization information from the RO system. The transmitted order information will include descriptions of the items, options and special instructions. In the preferred embodiment, the data from the RO system is sent in the form of an XML message to a SOAP client on the POS system's server. The transaction data is translated into the POS system's internal formats, and is passed to the POS server software and logged in the POS server database using ODBC or JDBC interfaces. An acknowledgement of transmission is sent to the RO system. The RO system data is formatted to appear to the POS system as coming from a virtual terminal or "till".

As can be seen, the Elston document discloses receiving data in an XML format and translating this data into the point-of-sale system's internal format. In contrast, step (b) of claim 1 recites converting order confirmation information from a format native to the point of sale information service into a browser readable, tagged data format. In other words, the Elston document teaches conversion from an XML [tagged data] format into an internal format of a POS system, whereas the present invention teaches just the opposite, namely, transforming order confirmation information from a native format into a tagged data format. Accordingly, the Elston document cannot anticipate or render obvious independent claim 1 of the present application, or claims 4-16 depended therefrom.

Regarding independent claims 17 and 18, for the reasons discussed above in connection with claim 1, the Elston document cannot anticipate or render obvious these claims.

Absent disclosing, teaching, or suggesting a system, method, or computer-readable medium having all the limitation of independent claims 1, 17, and 18, respectively, the Elston document cannot anticipate or render obvious these claims, or claims 4-16 depended from claim 1.

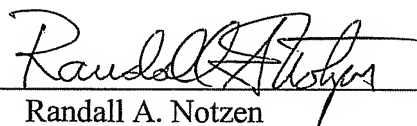
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of claims 1 and 4-18 are requested.

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